

Local Geography: Some Key Sources in the Local History Room

Aerial Photos

- *Frank J. Mooney Aerial Photos of the Patchogue-Medford Area* (mounted b&w maps, in wooden frames upper right, above map cases) – a printed Key (arranged numerically and chronologically), briefly identifies each, by a number corresponding to a numbered yellow dot on the photo's frame. Aerial photography was the editor of the *Main Street Press* newspaper's hobby. These were taken between 1957-1963 (+ one more, in 1990).
- *Aerial Maps* (b&w) -- 4th drawer from the bottom of the map cases, marked "Topographical & Aerial Maps" -- mostly a series of photographic maps from 1976, by the Tristate Regional Development Corp. Also in this drawer is an aerial photo of the northern part of Patchogue, commissioned by Bailey and Sons, ca. 1923.

Atlases, Maps, & Nautical Charts (in Map Cases, Map Tubes, and Archival Boxes) – see also Online Sources

- The *top 2 drawers of the map case* contain maps mainly of Patchogue and a few of East Patchogue. Medford and North Patchogue appear to have been largely neglected by mapmakers
- The *top drawer* is geared to help people looking for the history of their house (a research process)

Cemetery Registers & Cemetery Histories

- Some include a map of the cemetery (usually b&w and minimalist), we have registers of Lakeview, Cedar Grove, and Waverly Cemeteries in Patchogue, published by Hans Henke, Village Historian.
- St. Francis de Sales R.C. Church Cemetery records are not publicly available. Contact the Church.
- Brookhaven Town Cem. Register, ca. 1790 to ca. 1883 is available in print (or searchable online, courtesy of the L.I. German Genealogy Group & L.I. Italian Genealogy Group).
- NY REF & LI REF include a number of additional titles. Search the library catalog.
- There are also quite a few registers online, sometimes via the cemetery association, or via Internet Archive, to quite a few of which we have linked).
- L.I. libraries sometimes have cemetery registers relating to the town or village(s) that they serve.

Gazetteers

- *Long Island Gazetteer: A Guide to Current and Historical Place Names* / Proehl & Shupe (1984) -- LI REF 917.4621 PRO
- *Long Island Gazetteer: A Guide to Historic Places: Brief Facts, Pictures, and Maps* / Macoskey (1939) -- LI REF 917.4721 MAC -- prepared by the Brooklyn Eagle, timed to the World's Fair
- *Gazetteer of the State of New York* / French (1860) – NY REF 917.47 1860 FRENCH
- *Gazetteer of the State of New York* / Spafford (1824) – NY REF 917.47 1824 SPA
- *Classical Place Names in New York State: Origins, Histories, and Meanings* / Farrell (2002) -- NY REF Storage [missing] -- Mainly post Revolutionary War march-lands conquered from the Iroquois, promised to veterans
- *Aboriginal Place Names of New York* / Beauchamp (1907) – NY REF 917.47003 BEA

Geologic Survey

- *The Geology of Long Island, N.Y.* / Fuller (1914) – LI REF 551.09747 – *The classic account*

Historic Images

- *Digital PML* (<http://digitalpml.pmlib.org/>) is a growing series of collections of images: These include over 400 postcards, in 2 series; 3 series of L.I. Indian photos; full text histories in a NYS, LI, and Suffolk County collections; and a Nassau-Suffolk county and town collection
- Much additional material remains to be digitized or is not yet in its final form

Historical Periodicals and Indexes

Histories

L.I. Mapmaking – History

- *Long Island Maps and Their Makers: Five Centuries of Cartographic History* / Allen (1997) – LI REF 526.0974 ALL -- Still the best and only one-volume account
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Vertical Files

Online Sources:

Sanborn Atlases (Subscription – NYS set, Online)

Newspapers

Other Online Sources